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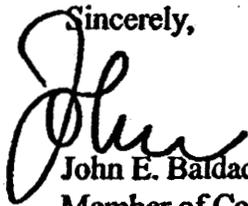
Dear Mr. Muris:

I am writing to express my support for the proposed changes to the Telemarketing Sales Rule by the Federal Trade Commission. I am strongly in favor of creating a national "Do Not Call" registry that will allow consumers to exert greater control over whether or not they receive telemarketing calls in their homes.

This is an issue of deep concern to my constituents in Maine. I have heard from many of them about the unwelcome intrusion of sales calls and the ineffectiveness of current methods to eliminate the calls. A single, FTC maintained list would simplify the confusion that now exists due to the array of company, state and industry trade association lists and would ensure that the clear preference of a consumer not to receive unsolicited phone calls is respected. Therefore, I believe that this proposal is necessary and beneficial to ensuring the privacy of consumers.

I appreciate your consideration of my views on this proposed amendment to the Telemarketing Sales Rule. In closing, I would again like to express my strong support for adoption of the amendment creating a national "Do Not Call" registry.

Sincerely,


John E. Baldacci
Member of Congress